

Dear Ajit Pai,

I recently found out that All About the Message, LLC, has requested that the FCC “declare that the delivery of a voice message directly to a voicemail box does not constitute a call that is subject to the prohibitions on the use of an automatic telephone dialing system (‘ATDS’) or an artificial or prerecorded voice under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA).”

This is a *terrible* idea! Please do NOT approve their request.

I am on the Do Not Call list for my home phone, and yet I receive multiple telemarketing calls each week, many of them repeated multiple times over the course of several days. It got so bad that I called to disconnect my landline phone service.

Now this company (and how many others?) wants to directly access my voicemail, without my permission. This is directly counter to the spirit of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. The law would not allow marketers to access my house without knocking on the door in order to spread billboards around my kitchen; neither should marketers be allowed to access my voicemail without first ringing. It’s bad enough that the Do Not Call list does not prevent solicitors from continuing to call. I use and pay for my phone service for my own convenience, not the convenience of companies who want to sell me things.

I therefore urge you to *deny* the request for approval of ringless voicemail by All About the Message (and other companies with similar requests).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Stracks